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## UNH Professor to Speak at White House on Child Safety

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DURHAM, N.H. -- David Finkelhor, professor of sociology and director of the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire, has been invited to address the first-ever White House Conference on Missing, Exploited and Runaway Children Oct. 2, 2002.

Finkelhor will discuss a new study he co-authored for the U.S. Department of Justice that is the first to provide a unified national estimate of the number of missing children in the United States. The second National Incidence Study of Missing, Abducted, Runaway and Thrownaway Children is to be released in conjunction with the conference.

Finkelhor, who has been involved in federally funded studies on the issue of missing children since 1986, is a nationally recognized expert who has published extensively in the field of child molesting, juvenile justice and the prevention and treatment of child abuse.

The all-day conference will focus on a wide range of topics related to children's safety, including missing and exploited children, runaway and homeless youth, international child abduction, sex trafficking of children, child pornography, and child Internet safety.

According to the White House, the conference will bring policy makers, experts, key officials, community leaders, teachers and law enforcement together to share progress made and generate news ideas to help prevent the victimization of children.

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